

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

PIERRE Q. PULLINS,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	No. 1:20-cv-01312-JPH-MPB
)	
INDIANAPOLIS STAR INC.,)	
GANNETT INC.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

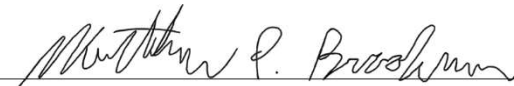
Before the Court is Plaintiff's, Pierre Q. Pullins, *Motion for Leave and Extension of Time to Amend Complaint*. ([Dkt. No. 8](#)). On May 5, 2020, Plaintiff filed a Complaint alleging Defendants committed libel by censoring his comments about Congressman Carson in a conspiracy with other news outlets. ([Dkt. No. 1](#)). On May 15, 2020, the Court entered an Order to Show Cause with a deadline of June 15, 2020 for Mr. Pullins to file an amended complaint or otherwise show cause why this case should not be dismissed for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction. On June 16, 2020, Plaintiff filed his first Motion for Extension of Time to Amend Complaint. ([Dkt. No. 4](#)). On June 19, 2020, the Court granted the motion and extended the deadline to file an amended complaint to July 9, 2020. ([Dkt. No. 5](#)). On July 8, Plaintiff filed his second Motion for Extension of Time. ([Dkt. No. 6](#)). On July 22, 2020, the Court again granted the motion and extended the deadline to August 8, 2020. ([Dkt. No. 7](#)). On August 24, 2020, sixteen (16) days after the deadline passed, Plaintiff filed this third Motion for Leave and Extension of Time to Amend Complaint. ([Dkt. No. 8](#)).

In addition to Plaintiff's failure to file the present motion in a timely manner, the stated reason for the requested extension is also suspect. Plaintiff cites preparation of an appellate brief

to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in another matter (Pullins v. Wal-Mart Store East L.P>, No. 20-2006, Southern District of Indiana Court No. 1:18-cv-03912-JMS-TAB), which was due September 8, 2020. However, a review of the docket reveals that Plaintiff did not file the appellate brief by September 8, 2020, but rather requested and was granted an extension by the Court of Appeals to October 8, 2020. Thus, Plaintiff's Seventh Circuit briefing would have had no bearing on his ability to timely file an Amended Complaint in this matter.

Therefore, the Court DENIES Plaintiff's Motion for Leave and Extension.

SO ORDERED this 22nd day of September, 2020


Matthew P. Brookman
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of Indiana

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